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TO: Hunters, Anglers, Trappers, Landowners, Farm Groups and Others Interested in Making Recommendations for Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Regulations.

Meetings to solicit your comments concerning the 2006 deer, turkey, bear, and boar hunting regulations as well as 2007-2008 hunting and trapping regulations and the 2007 fishing season are scheduled for March 20 and 21, 2006.

The Division of Natural Resources is recommending most season dates; bag and creel limits similar to the 2006-2007 seasons (see recommended changes attached).

In order for us to obtain your recommendations and accurately record them, it is necessary for you to complete and return the attached form prior to April 7, 2006 to the Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Section, P.O. Box 67, Elkins, West Virginia, 26241, Attn: Mr. Steve Wilson.

Your continued interest in the natural resources program is appreciated.

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Curtis I. Taylor, Chief  
Wildlife Resources Section

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Col James D. Fields".

James D. Fields, Colonel  
Law Enforcement Section

Please feel free to comment or provide recommendations on hunting and fishing regulations or on any phase of our wildlife and law enforcement programs. Please use space provided on the following page. **Returning the attached tables is not necessary.**

Please complete the following section. Be sure only one form is submitted per individual or organization. Unsigned questionnaires will not be counted.

**PLEASE PRINT**

Individual, Group, or  
Organization Name\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone\_\_\_\_\_

Signed\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_ County\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONNAIRE  
BY APRIL 7, 2006**

WV Division of Natural Resources  
Wildlife Resources Section  
P.O. Box 67  
Elkins, WV 26241

Attn: Steve Wilson

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE  
2006 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

- 1) The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2006 antlerless deer season be open as shown in the attached tables.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the Class RM/RRM license be valid for one additional muzzleloader season deer in counties having a muzzleloader season. In counties or parts thereof having a Class N/NN season with a bag limit of two or more antlerless deer, either sex deer may be taken. In all other open counties, only antlered deer may be taken.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

- 3) The Division of Natural Resources proposes a two day (October 27-28, 2006) Class N antlerless deer season in Hampshire County with a limited number of permits. The purpose is to reduce the population and collect deer for CWD testing as part of the CWD Response Plan.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

- 4) The Division of Natural Resources proposes to implement older aged deer management on Coopers Rock State Forest (SF), Burnsville Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Bluestone WMA and McClintic WMA. The annual bag limit will be one (1) buck with a minimum antler spread of 14 inches.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Would you support the prohibition of baiting, beginning in 2007, on Coopers Rock SF, Burnsville WMA and Bluestone WMA?

Favor \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

- b. Would you support allowing only the use of bows and muzzleloaders during the bucks-only season on Coopers Rock SF, Burnsville WMA and Bluestone WMA?

Favor \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

- 5) The Division of Natural Resources proposes the 2006 Black Bear season be open as shown in the attached table.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE  
2007-2008 HUNTING AND TRAPPING SEASONS**

- 1) All other hunting and trapping regulations for 2007-2008 seasons would be the same as those in 2006-2007 (See Attached Table).

Favor \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2007 FISHING REGULATIONS

- 1) The Division of Natural Resources proposes a 12 to 16 inch slot limit regulation for black bass at South Mill Creek Lake, Grant County.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) The Division of Natural Resources proposes an 18-inch minimum size limit and 2 fish per day bag limit for walleye on the Cheat, Kanawha, and New rivers.

Cheat River (extending from the State Route 26 bridge crossing in Preston County upstream to the Holly Meadow Bridge (County Route 1) in Tucker County)

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

Kanawha River (extending from the mouth in Mason County upstream to the confluence of the Gauley and New rivers in Fayette County)

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

New River (extending from the mouth in Fayette County upstream to the Virginia state line in Summers County)

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

- 3) The Division of Natural Resources proposes a statewide 24-inch minimum size and two fish per day bag limit for blue catfish.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

- 4) The Division of Natural Resources proposes to a 15 fish per day bag limit for yellow perch on Cheat Lake, Monongalia County.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

- 5) The Division of Natural Resources proposes that hybrid striped bass 15 inches or larger shall have a daily creel limit of 4 and possession limit of 8 in aggregate with striped bass and white bass 15 inches or larger on Beech Fork Lake, Wayne County. There shall be no restriction for these fish under 15 inches.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

- 6) All other fishing regulations for 2007 would be same as those in 2006.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

**West Virginia**  
**Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the**  
**2006-2007 Hunting and Trapping Seasons**

| Species  | Opening & Closing Dates  | Changes   |
|--|--|---|
| Boar (Gun)   | Oct. 23, 2006 - Oct. 28, 2006                                  |   |
| Boar (Archery)   | Oct. 14, 2006 - Dec. 31, 2006                                  |   |
| Deer (Archery)   | Oct. 14, 2006 - Dec. 31, 2006                                  | Special Season<br>See Attached Deer Tables for<br>Selected Counties |
| Deer (Bucks Only)  | Nov. 20, 2006 - Dec. 02, 2006                                  |   |
| Deer (Antlerless) Hampshire Co. Only                         | Oct. 27, 2006 – Oct. 28, 2006                                  |   |
| Deer (Antlerless) {Selected Counties}                        | Nov. 20, 2006 - Dec. 02, 2006                                  |   |
| Deer (Antlerless) {Selected Counties}                        | Dec. 04, 2006 - Dec. 09, 2006                                  |   |
| Deer (Antlerless) {Selected Counties}                        | Dec. 27, 2006 - Dec. 30, 2006                                  |   |
| Deer Youth/Class Q Hunts (Antlerless)<br>{Selected Counties} | Oct. 28, 2006 - Oct. 28, 2006<br>Dec. 25, 2006 - Dec. 26, 2006 |   |
| Deer (Muzzleloader)  | Dec. 11, 2006 - Dec. 16, 2006                                  |   |
| Bear (Archery)   | Oct. 14, 2006 - Nov. 18, 2006                                  | See Bear Table  |
| Bear (Gun)<br>{Selected Counties}                            | Dec. 04, 2006 - Dec. 31, 2006                                  |   |
| {Selected Counties}  | Oct. 30, 2006 - Nov. 04, 2006                                  |   |
| {Selected Counties}  | Nov. 20, 2006 - Nov. 25, 2006                                  |   |
| Turkey (Fall)<br>{Selected Counties}                         | Oct. 21, 2006 - Nov. 18, 2006<br>Oct. 21, 2006 - Oct. 28, 2006 | Counties determined after 2006<br>gobbler season                    |
| {Preston County}   | Oct. 21, 2006 - Nov. 04, 2006                                  |   |
| Turkey (Spring Youth Hunt)                                   | Apr. 21, 2007 – Apr. 21, 2007                                  |   |
| Turkey (Spring '07)  | Apr. 23, 2007 – May 19, 2007                                   |   |

**Proposed 2006 Black Bear Seasons**  
**Bow Season Statewide: October 14-November 18**

**Gun Season**

| <b>County</b> | <b>6-Day Gun With Dogs<br/>Oct. 30- Nov. 4 &amp;<br/>6-Day Gun Without Dogs<br/>Nov. 20-25</b> | <b>4-Week Gun Without<br/>Dogs Dec. 4-31</b> | <b>4-Week Gun With<br/>Dogs Dec. 4-31</b> |
|---------------|--|--|---|
| Barbour       |  | X<br>(West of Rt. 92)                        | X<br>(East of Rt. 92)                     |
| Berkeley      |  | X  |   |
| Braxton       |  | X  |   |
| Boone         | X  |  | X   |
| Cabell        |  | X  |   |
| Clay          |  | X  |   |
| Fayette       | X  |  | X   |
| Grant         |  |  | X   |
| Greenbrier    |  |  | X   |
| Hampshire     |  | X  |   |
| Hardy         |  |  | X   |
| Jefferson     |  | X  |   |
| Kanawha       | X  |  | X   |
| Lewis         |  | X  |   |
| Lincoln       |  | X  |   |
| Logan         |  | X  |   |
| Marion        |  | X  |   |
| Mason         |  | X  |   |
| McDowell      |  | X  |   |
| Mercer        |  | X  |   |
| Mineral       |  | X<br>(East of New Creek)                     | X<br>(West of New Creek)                  |
| Mingo         |  | X  |   |
| Monongalia    |  | X  |   |
| Monroe        |  | X<br>(West of Rt. 219)                       | X<br>(East of Rt. 219)                    |
| Morgan        |  | X  |   |
| Nicholas      |  |  | X   |
| Pendleton     |  |  | X   |
| Pocahontas    |  |  | X   |
| Preston       |  |  | X   |
| Putnam        |  | X  |   |
| Raleigh       | X  |  | X   |
| Randolph      |  |  | X   |
| Summers       |  | X  |   |
| Tucker        |  |  | X   |
| Upshur        |  | X  |   |
| Wayne         |  | X  |   |
| Webster       |  |  | X   |
| Wyoming       |  | X  |   |

**West Virginia**  
**Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the**  
**2007-2008 Hunting and Trapping Seasons**

| <b>Species</b>   | <b>Opening &amp; Closing Dates</b>                             | <b>Changes</b> |
|--|--|----------------|
| Squirrel   | Oct. 06, 2007 - Jan. 31, 2008                                  |                |
| Squirrel Youth Hunt  | Sept. 29, 2007   |                |
| Raccoon (Hunting)  | Oct. 13, 2007 - Feb. 29, 2008                                  |                |
| Raccoon (Trapping)   | Nov. 03, 2007 - Feb. 29, 2008                                  |                |
| Grouse   | Oct. 13, 2007 - Feb. 29, 2008                                  |                |
| Quail  | Nov. 03, 2007 - Jan. 05, 2008                                  |                |
| Rabbit   | Nov. 03, 2007 - Feb. 29, 2008                                  |                |
| Hare   | Nov. 03, 2007 - Feb. 29, 2008                                  |                |
| Ringneck Pheasant  | Nov. 03, 2007 - Jan. 05, 2008                                  |                |
| Fox (Hunting & Trapping)   | Nov. 03, 2007 - Feb. 29, 2008                                  |                |
| Bobcat (Hunting & Trapping)  | Nov. 03, 2007 - Feb. 29, 2008                                  |                |
| Mink/Muskrat (Trapping)  | Nov. 03, 2007 - Feb. 29, 2008                                  |                |
| Fisher (Trapping)  | Nov. 03, 2007 - Jan. 31, 2008                                  |                |
| Beaver (Trapping)  | Nov. 03, 2007 - Mar. 31, 2008                                  |                |
| Crow (Hunting)   | Oct. 01, 2007 - Nov. 17, 2007<br>Jan. 01, 2008 - Mar. 08, 2008 |                |
| Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel/Woodchuck/<br>English Sparrow/European Starling/Pigeon (Hunting) | Continuous Open Season   |                |
| Coyote (Hunting with Red or Amber Colored Artificial<br>Light)                               | Jan. 1, 2007 – July 31, 2007                                   |                |
| Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel (Trapping)   | Nov. 03, 2007 - Feb. 29, 2008                                  |                |
| Mountain Lion, Elk, Otter, Song & Insectivorous Birds,<br>Hawks, Owls, Falcons & Eagles      | No Open Season. These species are totally<br>protected         |                |



## Proposed 2006 Antlerless Deer Hunting Regulations

| Counties or Parts Thereof<br>Closed to Antlerless<br>(Class N) Hunting   | Counties or Parts<br>Thereof Open to<br>Limited Licenses for<br>Resident Only (Must<br>Apply)   | Counties or Parts<br>Thereof Open to<br>Unlimited Resident<br>Class N and<br>Nonresident Class NN                             | Counties or Parts Thereof<br>Open to Unlimited Resident<br>Class N, Nonresident Class<br>NN, Two (2) Additional<br>Class N/NN   |
|--|---|---|---|
|  | <b>(Season Bag Limit: 1)</b><br>Nov. 20-Dec. 2 (Private<br>Land Only)<br>Dec. 4-9 (Private and<br>Public Land)  | <b>(Season Bag Limit: 1)</b><br>Nov. 20-Dec. 2 (Private<br>Land Only)<br>Dec. 4-9 (Private and<br>Public Land)                | <b>(Season Bag Limit: 3 )</b><br>Nov. 20-Dec. 2 and Dec. 27-<br>30 (Private Land Only)<br>Dec. 4-9 (Private and Public<br>Land)   |
| Boone<br>Braxton<br>Clay<br>Fayette<br>Greenbrier<br>Lincoln<br>Kanawha (South of Elk R. & East<br>of Corridor G)<br>Mercer<br>Nicholas<br>Pendleton (West of North Fork<br>River)<br>Pocahontas<br>Randolph<br>Raleigh<br>Summers<br>Tucker<br>Wayne (South of Rt. 37)<br>Webster | Cabell<br>Gilmer<br>Grant (West of top of New<br>Creek & North Mtns.)<br>Kanawha (North of Elk R. &<br>West of Corridor G)<br>Monroe<br>Pendleton (East of North Fork<br>River)<br>Roane<br>Upshur<br>Wayne (North of Rt. 37) | Barbour<br>Calhoun<br>Doddridge<br>Grant (East of top of New Creek<br>& North Mtns.)<br>Lewis<br>Preston<br>Putnam<br>Ritchie | Berkeley<br>Brooke<br>Hampshire<br>Hancock<br>Hardy<br>Harrison<br>Jefferson<br>Jackson<br>Marion<br>Marshall<br>Mason<br>Mineral<br>Monongalia<br>Morgan<br>Ohio<br>Pleasants<br>Taylor<br>Tyler<br>Wetzel<br>Wirt<br>Wood |

Counties not listed in the table are closed to firearms antlerless hunting.

Note: Wallback WMA in Roane, Clay and Kanawha counties will be closed to antlerless deer hunting. Potts Creek WMA (Jefferson Nat. Forest) in Monroe County will be closed to antlerless deer hunting.

**PROPOSED 2006 ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR WMAs**

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO LIMITED LICENSES  
FOR RESIDENT CLASS N ANTLERLESS SEASON**

Opening Date December 4

Closing Date December 9

Bag Limit 1

|                                       |                                      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Amherst/Plymouth WMA<br>(Putnam Co.)  | Cross Creek WMA<br>(Brooke Co.)      |
| Beech Fork WMA<br>(Wayne Co.)         | Hillcrest WMA<br>(Hancock Co.)       |
| Bluestone WMA<br>(Summers/Monroe Co.) | Stonewall Jackson WMA<br>(Lewis Co.) |
| Chief Cornstalk WMA<br>(Mason Co.)    | Stonecoal WMA<br>(Lewis/Upshur Co.)  |

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO UNLIMITED LICENSES  
FOR RESIDENT CLASS N AND NONRESIDENT CLASS NN ANTLERLESS SEASON**

Opening Date December 4

Closing Date December 9

Bag Limit 1

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Hughes River WMA<br>(Ritchie/Wirt Co.) | McClintic WMA<br>(Mason Co.)              |
| Lewis Wetzel WMA<br>(Wetzel Co.)       | Sleepy Creek WMA<br>(Berkeley/Morgan Co.) |

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